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1. Nik Sokoli comes from Kerturi, in the Dukagjin region. He is a brave man, of good reputation, and a member of the clan of Mark Tunxe, who is reported to be heading a resistance group in the mountains of Albania. Sokoli is believed to be an intermediary between Tunxe and the Yugoslav authorities. Rumors that Sokoli has become converted to Titoist Communism should be received with caution.
2. Gafa Bey Ulqini, a native of Ulqin, is an outstanding Moslem leader in the Ulqin and Ajtivari regions. He is also influential in the Kossovo as the head of several Moslem religious associations. From 1941 to 1944, Ulqini was a deputy in the Albanian Parliament and under the German regime served as a member of the Council of Regents. After the German withdrawal Ulqini was sought by the Communists and fled to Montenegro in 1944, where he was hidden by faithful followers until Tito, after his break with the Cominform, requested his cooperation. He is considered to be a loyal Albanian, and consequently not on good terms with Gani Kryeziu.
3. There are no indications to bear out the suggestion that the committees reported to be headed by Sokoli and Ulqini are connected with the BKI.

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